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way by the above description. The various elements of the claims and claims themselves may be combined in any combination, in accordance with the teachings of the present disclosure, which includes the claims.

The invention claimed is:

- 1. A sleeve for use in packaging consumer goods comprising:
 - a plastic film, the plastic film having a first longitudinal edge region and a second longitudinal edge region, the plastic film being rolled into a tube wherein the first longitudinal edge region overlaps the second longitudinal edge region,
 - the first and second longitudinal edge regions each having opposed inwardly facing and outwardly facing surfaces, such that the inwardly facing surface of the first longitudinal edge region is disposed in juxtaposed relation to the outwardly facing surface of the second longitudinal edge region;
 - the first longitudinal edge region including a first free edge and the second longitudinal edge region including a second free edge, the first and second free edges defining an overlap region therebetween;
 - a flap defined by the portion of the first longitudinal edge region that overlaps the second longitudinal edge region; and
 - a plurality of seaming beads applied along the first longitudinal edge region to seam the inwardly facing surface of the first longitudinal edge region to the outwardly facing surface of the second longitudinal edge region, the plurality of seaming beads including at least an outer seaming bead forming an outer seam and an inner seaming bead forming an inner seam, the plurality of seaming beads comprising any glue or adhesive,
 - wherein the outer and inner seaming beads are disposed in a parallel, laterally spaced apart relation to one another,
 - the plurality of seaming beads being disposed between the first and second free edges, in the overlap region,

the outer seam being weaker than the inner seam.

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- 2. The sleeve of claim 1 wherein inner seaming bead comprises a stronger seaming solution to form the inner seam and the outer seaming bead comprises a weaker seaming solution to form the outer seam.
- **3**. The sleeve of claim **2** wherein the outer seam may be easily broken by the consumer to provide a flap that may be pulled in the horizontal direction to remove the sleeve.
- 4. The sleeve of claim 1 further comprising a perforation strip having a plurality of perforation holes or a series of dashes wherein the thickness of the film is reduced to enable a user to break the sleeve and access contents of a container.
- 5. A sleeve for use in packaging consumer goods comprising:
- a plastic film, the plastic film having a first longitudinal edge region and a second longitudinal edge region, the plastic film being rolled into a tube wherein the first longitudinal edge region overlaps the second longitudinal edge region;
- a flay defined by the portion of the first longitudinal edge region that overlaps the second longitudinal edge region; and
- a plurality of seaming beads applied along the first longitudinal edge region to seam the first longitudinal edge region to the second longitudinal edge region, the plurality of seaming beads including at least an inner seaming bead and an outer seaming bead to form a plurality of seams.
- a perforation strip having a plurality of perforation holes or a series of dashes wherein the thickness of the film is reduced to enable a user to break the sleeve and access contents of a container:
- wherein the perforation strip is located on the second longitudinal edge region and is protected by the flap when sealed
- **6**. The sleeve of claim **1** wherein the sleeve comprises heat shrinkable materials.
- 7. The sleeve of claim 1 wherein the sleeve is a label for a
- **8**. The sleeve of claim **1** wherein the sleeve is a tamper resistant security band.

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